



In 2024, I helped organize and had the opportunity to speak at the 3rd Annual *Strengthening the System of Care for Co-Occurring Disorders Conference* on Long Island. The goals of this conference were to highlight areas of need, improve access to care for individuals with mental health and substance use disorders and help provide better support for families.

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HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**





Assemblyman Keith Brown helped organize the 3rd Annual Strengthening the System of Care for Co-Occurring Disorders Conference on Long Island on April 11, 2024.

I AM WORKING TO IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH BY INTRODUCING PROPOSALS THAT WILL REQUIRE:



Businesses in which alcohol or cannabis is consumed to have opioid antagonists like Naloxone available for emergency use.¹



That judges are afforded the discretion necessary to decide whether individuals should be remanded into custody for treatment where there is a risk of continued substance use, the likelihood of committing serious self harm, and there is no alternative less restrictive place to confine or supervise them.²



The opioid history of a patient be made available for health care professionals to use in order to make informed treatment decisions and to minimize risk for patients.³



Manufacturers and dealers of liquid nicotine products to accept used liquid nicotine products for recycling and create the crime of improper disposal of liquid nicotine products.⁴



Schools to include instruction on the prevention of co-occurring disorders as an integral part of their health education programs⁵ and ensure that individuals with co-occurring disorders receive the proper treatment they need through the enactment of the co-occurring disorder patient bill of rights.⁶



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